

REMARKS

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the objections raised by the Examiner. In this regard, Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 have now been amended.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 3-5 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. In response thereto, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of Claim 3, which the Examiner indicated contained allowable subject matter.

Claim 2 has also been amended to incorporate the limitation also found in Claim 3. Claim 3 has now been canceled, since the limitation found in original Claim 3 has been incorporated into newly amended Claim 1.

Claim 4 is dependent upon Claim 2 and adds a novel combination thereto. For this reason as well as the reasons stated above in reference to Claim 1, Claim 4 is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

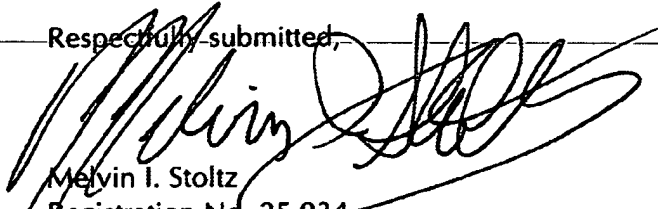
Finally, Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form, incorporating the limitations found in original Claim 1. Since the Examiner indicated that Claim 5 contained allowable subject matter, Applicant believes that Claim 5, as now amended, is also in condition for allowance.

Finally, a request for a one-month extension of time together with the requisite filing fee of \$55.00 is attached herewith. Any additional fees or credit for overpayment should be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4512.

Based upon the foregoing Amendment, Applicant believes that Claims 1-3 and 5 as now amended are all in condition for allowance. An early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Of course, if any questions remain which could be resolved in a telephone interview, Applicant's Attorney would be pleased to discuss any such questions with the Examiner. For this purpose, Applicant's undersigned Attorney has provided his telephone number below for the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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